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Item 2 of the provisional agenda *

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Annotations to the provisional agenda **

Item 1: Election of officers

Elections are held in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council. ***

Beginning with its eleventh special session in 1990, the Commission has elected a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the slate of officers at the thirty-sixth session will be as follows: Chairman: Africa; First Vice-Chairman: Asia and the Pacific; Second Vice-Chairman: Eastern Europe; Third Vice-Chairman: Western Europe and others; Rapporteur: Latin America and the Caribbean.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

The provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session was proposed by the Commission at its thirty-fifth session and approved by the Economic and Social Council by decision 1992/277 of 30 July 1992.

Following adoption of the agenda, the Commission normally establishes its timetable for the session. A provisional timetable (E/CN.7/1993/CRP.1) will be prepared by the Secretariat for consideration by the Commission.

A provisional list of documents for the session will be circulated (E/CN.7/1993/CRP.2)

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Documentation

Provisional agenda (E/CN.7/1993/1)

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Provisional timetable (E/CN.7/1993/CRP.1)

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Item 3: General debate: Examination of the world situation with respect to drug abuse, including illicit demand, illicit trafficking and illicit supply:

(a) General statements;

(b) Substantive debate and conclusions.

Steps proposed to structure the "General Debate"

In order to have a well-organized and properly focused general debate and to facilitate a substantive exchange of views during its sessions, the Commission decided at its thirty-fifth session (resolution 9(XXXV), paragraph 1) that, starting with its thirty-sixth session, the "General Debate" would be structured in two sub-items: (a) "General statements", devoted to introductory statements of a general nature and (b) "Substantive debate and conclusions".

(a) General statements

In the resolution the Commission decided that practical steps should be taken to limit the time devoted to sub-item (a) on general statements to four or five working meetings, including in particular:

(i) Strict limitation of general statements to a maximum of ten minutes;

(ii) A request to Governments to circulate, in advance of the session of the Commission, the text of those parts of their statements concerning national drug control policies;

(iii) Early closing of the list of speakers.

In addition, the Secretariat wishes to suggest that there would be an advantage in structuring any statement along the lines of the Global Programme of Action.

(b) Substantive debate and conclusions.

Sub-item (b) on substantive debate and conclusions will be covered at the end of the session and will centre on a few

significant themes introduced by the Chairman on the basis of the views expressed in the general statements under sub-item (a). The consideration of sub-item (b) should lead to the adoption of a text reflecting the main concerns, appraisals and orientations of the Commission with regard to drug abuse issues and the activities of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme. That text, proposed by the Chairman in consultation with the extended bureau, would constitute the introductory chapter of the report of the Commission and should complement the resolutions and decisions of the Commission.

General debate: Examination of the world situation with respect to drug abuse, including illicit demand, illicit trafficking and illicit supply

To assist its consideration of the world situation with respect to **illicit demand**, the Commission will have before it a report reflecting activities undertaken by Governments to control and reduce illicit demand (E/CN.7/1993/4). The Commission's attention is also drawn to the relevant parts of the Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1992 (E/INCB/1992/1), as well as the report of an expert group meeting on assessing drug abuse (E/CN.7/1993/CRP.11).

With respect to **illicit drug traffic** the Commission will have before it a document reflecting relevant parts of the reports of its subsidiary bodies (E/CN.7/1993/2). Chapter I of the document consists of matters brought to the attention of the Commission for possible action; chapter II consists of the reports on current trends in the illicit drug traffic in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and the Near and Middle East.

Since the Commission's last session, there have been four regional HONLEA meetings and a Ministerial-level Conference at the twenty-ninth session of the Subcommission. The reports on these meetings will be before the Commission in conference room papers in the language(s) of the respective subsidiary body: E/CN.7/1993/CRP.3 (HONLEA,Africa), E/CN.7/1993/CRP.4 (HONLEA, Latin America and the Caribbean), E/CN.7/1993/CRP.5 (Subcommission), E/CN.7/1993/CRP.6 (HONLEA, Asia and the Pacific) and E/CN.7/1993/CRP.10 (HONLEA, Europe).

Statistics relating to seizures of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances are contained in conference room paper E/CN.7/1993/CRP.7.

Regarding **illicit supply**, there is no specific document on this issue: relevant background data will be found in the 1992 annual report of INCB (E/INCB/1992/1) and in the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Programme (E/CN.7/1993/3).

In addition to the reports prepared by UNDCP, the Commission will have before it **reports of intergovernmental organizations** (E/CN.7/1993/CRP.8) **and non-governmental organizations** (E/CN.7/1993/CRP.9) on drug abuse control activities outside the United Nations system.

Documentation

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (relevant parts) (E/INCB/1992/1)

Report on illicit traffic (E/CN.7/1993/2)

Report on Drug Abuse (E/CN.7/1993/4)

Reports of the regional meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East, including the Ministerial-level Conference (E/CN.7/1993/CRP.3-6 and 10).

Seizure data on illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (E/CN.7/1993/CRP.7)

Reports of intergovernmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.7/1993/CRP.8)

Reports of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.7/1993/CRP.9)

Expert Group Meeting report on assessing drug abuse (E/CN.7/1993/CRP.11)

Item 4: Activities of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme

The Commission will have before it a report of the Executive Director on the operational and other activities of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme during 1992, as well as a conference room paper containing details of UNDCP field activities.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Programme (E/CN.7/1993/3)

Report on UNDCP field activities (E/CN.7/1993/CRP.12)

Item 5: Implementation of the international drug control treaties

(a) Changes in the scope of control of substances

(b) International Narcotics Control Board

(c) Other urgent action required under the international drug control conventions

(a) Changes in the scope of control of substances

No action is currently called for under this sub-item.

(b) International Narcotics Control Board

The annual report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1992 (E/INCB/1992/1) is submitted to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission in accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, and that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol; article 18, paragraph 1, of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23, paragraph 1, of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988. The Commission, in accordance with the provisions of those articles, may make such comments on the report as it sees fit. In addition, article 8 of the 1961 Convention authorizes the Commission to call the attention of the Board to any matters that may be relevant to the functions of the Board.

Article 12, paragraph 13, of the 1988 Convention, requires INCB to report annually to the Commission on the implementation of that article. The report of the Board on article 12 will be before the Commission for its review (E/CN.7/1993/6).

(c) Other urgent action required under the international drug control conventions

No action is currently called for under this sub-item.

Documentation

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (E/INCB/1992/1)

INCB report on article 12 (E/CN.7/1993/6)

Item 6: Monitoring of the implementation of the Global Programme of Action and of the implementation and development of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control

Implementation of the Global Programme of Action

At its forty-seventh session the General Assembly, bearing in mind the commitment in the Political Declaration adopted at its seventeenth special session to continuously review the activities contained in the Global Programmed of Action, adopted resolution 47/99. In paragraph 3 of that resolution it requested the Secretary-General to present, at the next session of the Commission, "an evaluating report containing recommendations on measures to be taken regarding the item contained in paragraph 1 of the resolution."

In paragraph 1 of resolution 47/99 the Assembly decided to hold four plenary meetings, at a high level, at its forty-eighth session

> "in order to examine urgently the status of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances with a view to:
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> (a) Evaluating the implementation by Member States of the Global Programme of Action adopted in its resolution S-17/2 of 23 February 1990 and making recommendations on improving cooperation in the field of drug abuse control taking into account the priority given to this issue by the international community;
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> (b) Identifying those policies on which there has not been satisfactory progress in order to expand and increase the effectiveness of this cooperation, and to establish measurable goals and renew commitments."

In subparagraphs 1(c)-1(g) the General Assembly further elaborated on the key themes to be discussed at the high level meeting at its fortieth session. These included the promotion of universal adherence to the international drug control treaties, particularly the 1988 Convention; encouraging the adoption and implementation of measures to provisionally apply their provisions; encouraging the pursuit of trade liberalization measures which will enhance the trading opportunities of all countries affected by illicit drug production; ways to strengthen cooperation in programmes of alternative rural development; and strengthening international cooperation to eradicate the growing links between terrorist groups and drug traffickers.

A preliminary evaluating report prepared by the Secretary-General will be before the Commission in document E/CN.7/1993/7. Pursuant to paragraph 4 of resolution 47/99 the Commission is requested to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, its

comments regarding the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

Implementation and development of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (SWAP)

In its resolution 47/100 the General Assembly called upon the United Nations agencies, particularly those associated with the SWAP, to establish agency-specific implementing plans to incorporate fully into their programmes all the mandates and activities contained therein. Progress in the establishment of such agency-specific plans was to be reported to the Secretary-General by 1 March 1993.

In that resolution the General Assembly also requested the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) to update, under the direction of the Executive Director of UNDCP, the SWAP for the consideration of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session. The Assembly further requested the ACC to review and update, as necessary, the SWAP, taking into account the need to simplify and streamline its presentation.

The Commission may wish to express its views on the revision of the SWAP for the attention of ACC and the Council, particularly in light of the request of the General Assembly in resolution 47/100 for the Commission to promote and continuously monitor the implementation of the Global Programme of Action, with special attention to the SWAP.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on GPA (E/CN.7/1993/7)

Revision of the SWAP (E/CN.7/1993/9)

Item 7: Administrative and budgetary matters

Under this item of the agenda the Commission will be called upon to approve that part of the UNDCP budget which does not include expenditures covered under the United Nations regular budget. The Commission will have before it for approval, on the basis of the Executive Director's proposals, the revised programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 and the outline for the biennium 1994-1995 (E/CN.7/1993/5).

The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) will submit its comments and recommendations on the administrative and programme support costs budget of UNDCP to the Commission.

In its resolution 13 (XXXV) the Commission decided to convene informal consultations at Vienna in the fourth quarter of 1992 to discuss revised budget estimates for 1993 with a view to ensuring the active involvement of member States of the Commission in the budget process. The Commission will be

informed of the outcome of the consultations by the Chairman of its thirty-fifth session.

At its first regular session of 1991, the Council approved the administrative arrangements prepared on behalf of the Secretary-General by the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in agreement with the International Narcotics Control Board and contained in the annex to Council resolution 1991/48; requested the Executive Director to implement those arrangements, taking into account the character, powers and functions of the International Narcotics Control Board and the importance of its full technical independence in the performance of its tasks; it also requested the Executive Director to report to the Council through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-sixth session, in 1993, on the implementation of the resolution. The Commission will have before it a note on the implementation of the arrangements in question.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on administrative and budgetary matters (E/CN.7/1993/5)

Note on administrative arrangements for the International Naracotics Control Board (E/CN.7/1993/10)

Report of ACABQ (E/CN.7/1993/11)

Item 8: Draft agenda of the next session and future work

Provisional agenda

Under this item of its agenda the Commission is invited to draw up the provisional agenda and list of documents for its thirty-seventh session, and to consider other organizational questions relating to its future work.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat (E/CN.7/1993/8)

Item 9: Other matters

No documentation is currently foreseen under this item.

Item 10: Adoption of the report of the Commission at its thirty-sixth session

In principle, draft resolutions and draft decisions to be considered by the Commission should be introduced under the agenda item to which they relate; whenever possible, the resolutions or decisions should be adopted following

consideration of that item. The morning of the last day is reserved for any residual action required in connection with such resolutions or decisions. It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report of its thirty-sixth session on the afternoon of the last day of its session.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

At its thirty-fourth session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs established an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 1991/201 of 7 February 1991. In its resolution 1991/39 of 21 June 1991, entitled "Functioning of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs", the Council decided, inter alia, to "establish a Committee, the membership of which shall be open to all States members of the Commission to perform such functions as requested by the Commission in order to assist it in dealing with its agenda and to facilitate its work."

In connection with the thirty-sixth session of the Commission, it is suggested that the Committee of the Whole might be entrusted with preliminary examination of (i) matters arising from the reports of subsidiary bodies and reports on the drug abuse situation (under item 3 of the provisional agenda); (ii) monitoring of the implementation and development of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (under item 6); and (iii) administrative and budgetary matters (item 7).

In the provisional timetable for the session (E/CN.7/1993/CRP.1), the Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from Wednesday, 31 March through Friday, 2 April, to consider the above matters. Arrangements have been made for the Committee of the Whole to also meet on Monday, 5 April, if the Commission so decides, to continue its discussions or to consider such other matters as the Commission may direct.